



Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps
Of Engineers
New England District
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Concord, MA 01742-2751

Date: September 29, 2003

Comment Period Closes: October 29, 2003

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF U.S. BORDER PATROL STATION
JACKMAN, MAINE**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Department of Homeland Security has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of a new border patrol station in Jackman, Maine to be utilized by the U.S. Border Patrol Houlton Sector. The EA was prepared through support by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District. This notice is being issued to interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Public Law 91-190, and regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508.

Project Description: The purpose of the Proposed Action is to construct a new border patrol station on State Route 6/15, about 2.5 miles east of the intersection of U.S. Route 201 and State Route 6/15 in Jackman, Maine. See accompanying figure for a map of the proposed project's location. The proposed station would be located on a 10-acre site, allowing for future expansion. The facility would include a 10,800 square foot main building, with future optional requirements consisting of a 10,000 square foot vehicle impound lot, and about 11,400 square feet of space for features such as a vehicle sallyport, equipment repair shop, vehicle storage and maintenance, and an Anti-Smuggling Unit area. A helicopter landing zone (about 16,000 square feet in size) and an indoor firing range (about 4,000 square feet in size) would also be future optional requirements. The site would also include a perimeter security fence.

Coordination: The proposed construction was coordinated with the following Federal, State, and local agencies:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Maine Department of Conservation
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

- Maine Geological Survey
- Maine Department of Transportation
- Maine Historic Preservation Commission
- Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- Penobscot Indian Nation
- Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians
- Aroostock Band of Micmacs

Environmental Impacts: Based on the analysis contained in the Draft EA, and pending public review and comment, the proposed construction of a U.S. Border Patrol Station in Jackman, Maine would not have significant individual or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Endangered Species: No impacts to federal or state threatened, endangered or rare species are expected.

Cultural Resources: No cultural resource impacts have been identified in the project area.

Compliance: This Public Notice is being issued in compliance with environmental laws and regulations (see Attachment A).

Comments: The EA is available for public review beginning September 29, 2003 and ending October 29, 2003. Comments will be accepted for the same 30-day period. The document is available for public viewing at the Jackman Town Library located on Main Street in Jackman, Maine. Any person who has an interest that may be affected by the proposed project may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted to me within 30 days of the date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected and the manner in which the interest may be affected by this activity.

Additional Information: Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone you know to be interested in this proposed project. All questions, comments and requests for copies of the Draft EA should be directed to Ms. Susan Holtham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2751. Additional information may also be obtained from Mr. Thomas Rosato, Project Manager. These individuals may also be reached by phone at (978) 318-8536/620, and also by E-mail at susan.e.holtham@usace.army.mil and thomas.j.rosato@usace.army.mil.

Date

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Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

ATTACHMENT A

PERTINENT LAWS, REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIVES

American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C. 1996.

Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.

Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

Clean Water Act of 1977 (Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972)
33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

Farmland Policy Protection Act of 1981

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.

Preservation of Historic and Archaeological Data Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 469 et seq. This amends the Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960 (16 U.S.C. 469).

Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.

Executive Order 11514, Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality

Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, May 24, 1977 amended by Executive
Order 12148, July 20, 1979

Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, May 24, 1977

Executive Order 11593, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment,
13 May 1971 (36 FR 8921, May 15, 1971).

Executive Order 12088, Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards

Executive Order 12856, Federal Compliance with Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution
Prevention Requirements

Executive Order 12873, Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Reduction

Executive Order 12780, Federal Agency Recycling and the Council on Federal Recycling and
Procurement Policy

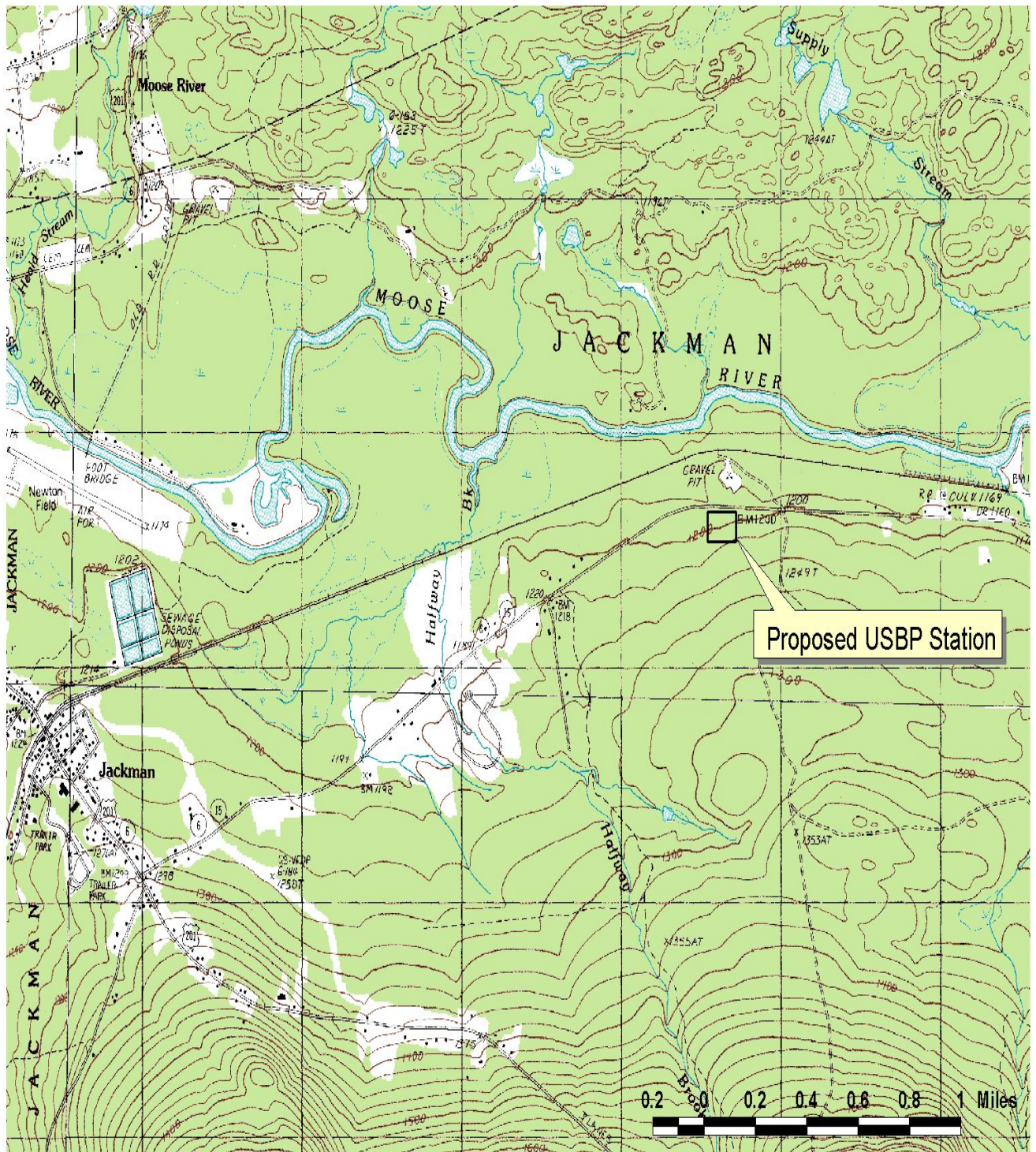
Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, February 11, 1994.

Executive Order 13007, Accommodations of Sacred Sites, May 24, 1996.

Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks, April 21, 1997.

Executive Memorandum, Analysis of Impacts on Prime or Unique Agricultural Lands in Implementing NEPA, August 11, 1980.

White House Memorandum, Government-to-Government Relations with Indian Tribes, April 29, 1994.



Reference: Jackman, Heald Pond, Attean Pond and Catheart Mountain USGS Quadrangles